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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR COUNTERFEITING CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that two Kansas City, Mo., men have been sentenced in federal court for participating in a conspiracy to pass counterfeit money.

Daniel B. Crofton, 24, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to 21 months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Crofton** to pay \$2,350 in restitution, for which he is jointly and severally liable.

Donald R. Adkins, 28, of Kansas City, was sentenced on June 24, 2004, to two years of probation, including four months of home detention. The court also ordered **Adkins** to pay \$2,350 in restitution, for which he is jointly and severally liable.

On Feb. 13, 2004, **Crofton** pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he helped to arrange the sale of thousands of dollars in counterfeit bills.

On Feb. 4, 2004, **Adkins** pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he purchased counterfeit money from **Crofton** and used the counterfeit money to purchase money orders at a convenience store.

Crofton and **Adkins** are among five co-defendants who have pleaded guilty to their role in the conspiracy.

Gerald Woods, 33, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty on Feb. 4, 2004. **Woods** admitted that he provided \$4,000 worth of counterfeit bills to **Crofton**, who arranged to sell them to **Adkins** and **Demetrice E. Johnson**, 27, of Kansas City. Co-defendant **Deandre Pointer**, 32, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty on Dec. 12, 2003, admitting that he invited **Adkins** and **Johnson** to meet **Crofton** at his residence on Aug. 4, 2001. **Adkins** and **Johnson** purchased \$4,000 in counterfeit

\$100, \$50 and \$20 bills from **Crofton** while they were at **Pointer's** residence.

Adkins and **Johnson** used the counterfeit money to purchase money orders at the King Foods Superstore at 3401 East Red Bridge, Kansas City, Mo. At the time, Graves said, **Johnson** was employed as a cashier at the store.

Johnson called **Crofton** on Aug. 7, 2001, and asked if he could obtain more counterfeit money. **Woods** again provided **Crofton** with the counterfeit money; **Crofton** and **Pointer** then left to meet **Johnson** to conduct the transaction but were stopped by Kansas City, Mo., police officers. Law enforcement officers recovered \$3,420 in counterfeit bills at the time of their arrest, Graves said.

On April 29, 2004, **Johnson** was sentenced to a term of probation and ordered to pay \$2,350 in restitution, for which he is jointly and severally liable.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Michael Green. It was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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